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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: PIN MIRROR CUTTER, AND THROW-AWAY
TIP MOUNTED ON THE PIN MIRROR
CUTTER

Examiner: S. Addisu

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 12, 2009 (Paper No. 20090205), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I, Claims 1 and 2 for continued examination, **with traverse**.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has imposed an Election/Restriction and Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, there is no generic claim between the Species.

Species I: Figures 1 and 2 and 3A-3C, Claims 1 and 2, a pin mirror cutter having a first tip mounting seat formed in a peripheral face of an annular cutter body and a second tip mounting seat formed in an end face of the cutter body.

Species II: Figures 4-10, Claims 3 and 4, a pin mirror cutter having an annular adaptor.

Species III: Figures 11-17, Claims 5 and 6, a pin mirror cutter having an annular adaptor (different embodiment than Group II).

In response, Applicant elects Species I, Claims 1 and 2 directed to a pin mirror cutter having a first tip mounting seat formed in a peripheral face of an annular cutter body and a second tip mounting seat formed in an end face of the cutter body, Figures 1 and 2, and 3A-3C.